

One of the church's newer programs, "Stephen Ministry," was brought to the church in 1984. The program trains congregation members in pastoral counseling. Individuals undergoing emotional stress due to bereavement or divorce can seek a Stephen Ministry counselor and receive confidential one-on-one advice. In short, the program has enlisted members of the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette to counsel friends and neighbors during difficult times in their lives.

By organizing and hosting panel discussions, the church has also served as a forum where social problems in the community can be debated and discussed. In some cases, these discussions have yielded important innovative solutions. For example, one panel discussion resulted in the founding of the Medical Care Access Coalition, a collaboration of physicians and pharmacists throughout the area willing to offer free services to uninsured residents in Marquette County.

Madam Speaker, on Saturday, the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette will celebrate 150 years of dedicated service to the Marquette community. The church and its congregation have been blessed with dedicated pastors who have demonstrated great vision in building upon the teachings of Jesus Christ and the principles found in the Bible to offer a place of worship as well as critical social services to their brothers and sisters of Marquette County. I would ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in saluting the First Presbyterian Church and its faithful congregation upon its sesquicentennial celebration.

RECOGNITION OF SPC JEREMIAH
"JEREMY" DAVID COSTELLO

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Army Specialist Jeremy Costello. Spc. Costello was a motor transport operator who was recently killed by an improvised explosive device while fighting for freedom in Iraq.

Costello was a 22 year-old from Carlinville, Illinois who was assigned to 5th Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Bliss, TX.

Costello is survived by his 4-year old daughter of Alton. I am proud of the service this young man gave to our country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Spc. Costello. Some of his awards and decorations speak to what a great soldier and man he was; the Combat Action Badge and Driver and Mechanic Badge. It is troops like Costello that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. My best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy. May God bless him and may God continue to bless America.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANDREA WATKINS AND DENISS QUINTANILLA-CERON

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend two outstanding seniors at Eastside High School in Paterson, Andrea Watkins and Deniss Quintanilla-Ceron. These young people are this year's recipients of the Nathan LeBron Scholarship Fund for their commitment to their education and to their futures.

Eastside High School may sound familiar—it is the school featured in the 1989 movie, *Lean On Me*. Many of the young men and women who attend that school face a wide variety of challenges and must overcome much to achieve their goals for a brighter future. The LeBron scholarship is one way that the community can demonstrate its support for their endeavors. Both Andrea and Deniss possess the brilliance of spirit that will turn this small show of support into an extraordinary future.

The scholarship is given in partnership with the Michelle Mitzvah Group of Beth Haverim. Both are named for people who exemplify perseverance and love of life. Nathan LeBron was a cancer survivor. Michelle was a young girl he met before she succumbed to leukemia. Nathan came from a troubled home, but with the love and support of Michelle's father, Marc Appelbaum, he went on to graduate college, earn a masters at Harvard, and head the IT operations at the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Mitzvah group seeks out opportunities to make the community a better place, with particular emphasis on brightening the lives who really need it—much as Marc Appelbaum did for Nathan LeBron in his youth.

I commend the men and women who work with this scholarship fund and who make the social action mission of the Michelle Mitzvah Group come to life. And, I commend Andrea and Deniss for their accomplishments. There is little doubt that they, in turn, will do tremendous things to brighten the lives of others as well.

RECOGNIZING MINNA ZHOU OF
WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2007

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minna Zhou of Woodbury, Minnesota, who was recently chosen as a 2007 Young Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Minna has proven herself to be an outstanding young woman through her involvement in Girl Scouts, for which she has received their highest honor, the Gold Award.

She has also become involved, in her community by developing and teaching biweekly classes to adopted Chinese children focusing on Chinese language, culture, holidays, music and dance.

At the same time, Minna has published a newsletter sharing this information with her students' parents, to create a mutual understanding and appreciation of their children's background, and helped her students organize a recital showcasing their knowledge.

Madam Speaker, I applaud the important goals of Minna's classes, and I am extremely proud of Minna's dedication to volunteerism in her community. She is a remarkable young leader, and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing her accomplishments.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION
ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2560 the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act." This legislation prohibits human cloning, and it makes it unlawful for any person to ship, mail, transport, or receive the product of human somatic cell nuclear transfer technology knowing that it will be used for human cloning. H.R. 2650 also makes it illegal for any person to initiate a pregnancy to facilitate human cloning.

Mr. Speaker, by a wide margin Americans believe that human cloning is wrong and immoral. It is also highly inefficient. More than 90% of cloning attempts fail to produce viable offspring. In addition to low success rates, cloned animals tend to have compromised immune system and higher rates of infections, tumors, and other disorders.

Studies conducted in Japan show that cloned mice live in poor health and die early. About a third of the cloned calves born alive have died young, and many of them were abnormally large. The American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) have issued formal public statements advising against human reproductive cloning.

Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 2560 because it reinforces the views and values of the American people. Human beings should be born, not cloned. Bringing a child into this world should be a consecrated act of grace; not a clinical or commercial enterprise. It is one thing to conduct research to find life-saving cures. It is quite another to try and create life in the laboratory. I support the former and oppose the latter.

For these reasons, I support H.R. 2560 and urge all of my colleagues to join me in voting for its passage.

RECOGNIZING BORDEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join Borden as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

For those who are not familiar with Borden, it was founded in 1857 by Gail Borden and was originally known as the New York Condensed Milk Company. Borden invented the